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reference WO 03/006290 is indicated as being in category X with regard to claims 1, 2, and 6-8, in category Y with regard to claims 3 and 4, and in category A with regard to claim 5. Moreover, reference DE 197 34 005 is indicated as being in category Y with regard to claims 3 and 4 and in category A with regard to the remaining claims of the application. The other four (4) identified references all are indicated as being in Category A with regard to certain of the claims of the application.

The enclosed Form PTO/SB/08 additionally identifies European reference EP 1 081 004 that is cited and discussed on page 1 of the present application. A copy of this reference is enclosed.

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